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Youth choir is game for Olympics date

Singers invited to entertain media and top athletes

By LISA WOODHOUSE

CAPITAL TALENT: Blackburn Youth Choir will be singing at the Olympic Games

A Blackburn choir has been chosen to perform at the Olympic Games.

Blackburn Youth Choir has been selected to entertain the media and the athletes in the Olympic press village for the London 2012 games.

The 46-strong choir has been allotted a full hour's performance on Tuesday, July 31, and has also been offered the same opportunity to perform at the opening of the Paralympic games later in the summer.

The mixed choir, which ranges from age 11 to 18, meets at Wesley Hall, in Blackburn, every Wednesday evening.

Choir founder Gill Fourie, who started the choir two years ago, said: "We are really proud to have been selected. We are aiming to take around 30 youngsters and we are looking forward to taking advantage of the experience. We are hoping to sing around eight to 10 songs. We sing quite modern songs and we have some very talented children.

"We are extremely excited and very proud."

The choir rehearses once a week, but this is expected to increase nearer to the performance.

Michelle Ormerod, choir manager, said: "We want to raise money to cover the rental cost for the hall. If we can reduce the fee the children pay, we can open it up to more children."

The choir is unable to directly raise money to cover the travel and accommodation for the trip to London due to Olympic Games rules.

Gill said: "We do a whole mixture of songs, such as songs from the shows, modern and pop songs, and songs with lots of movement.

"For the Olympics, we will be doing feel-good factor songs.

"We were all very excited when we heard the news. It has been in the pipeline for some time. The buzz of the place should be amazing.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the children and something they will never forget. They work really hard and they deserve the reward."

The choir is open to anyone, and more boys, aged between 11 to 18, are welcome to join.

Faces from the past on films found in cellar

Amazing cine-reel footage of a children's sports day in 1943, and a wedding breakfast in the 1950s, has been found in the cellar of the former Blackburn Orphanage.

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HOT DATE WITH RHOD

Welsh comedian Rhod Gilbert brings his latest tour, The Man With The Flaming Battenberg Tattoo, to King George's Hall, Blackburn, this Friday.

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Skydive 'thankyou'

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Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day will be marked in Darwen town centre on Monday, June 25. At 10.30am, there will be a flag-raising ceremony in front of the town hall. Blackburn with Darwen deputy Mayor, Salim Mulla, will attend.

War Horse screening

Darwen Library Theatre's Film Society is to screen last year's First World War epic War Horse on Tuesday, June 19, at 2pm. The film traces a horse's exploits during the conflict between British and German forces in France.

Mayor thanked

Youth group Ynot Hyndburn said it was 'very thankful' to new Hyndburn Mayor, John Broadley, for making the group one of his charities for his civic year.

REEL LIVES: The sports day and wedding

1940s films found in orphanage cellar

By JESSICA CREE

Amazing footage unearthed in the cellar of the former Blackburn Orphanage is being shown for the first time.

Scenes of a children's sports day in 1943, and incredible colour films of a wedding breakfast organised for an employee at Salesbury Memorial Hall in the 1950s, were found hidden in the basement of the former children's home, in Whalley Road, Wilpshire.

Harriet Roberts, creative partnerships manager at Child Action North West, which now runs the centre, said the reels were found as part of a heritage lottery-funded archive project which started last September.

She said: "It is just amazing what we have got. It is really lovely, but we don't really know who the people are. I am sure the family of whoever it is would love to see it."

Researchers at the charity think the wedding footage may feature the daughter of the superintendent at the time.

Harriet said: "It just shows a picture of a happy lifestyle here and how times have changed.

"Whenever we show it to people it gives me goosebumps when I think it could have just been left there."

The charity's £1.4m Government funding was slashed last year, and so the archive project was part of a plan to raise awareness of the vital work it does to help secure a bright future for children and young people all over the region.

Harriet said: "People have always held Blackburn Orphanage in their hearts because it was about kids on their doorstep.

"What we want them to understand is that 120 years later, we are still here and we still look after children, just in a different way."

Child Action North West will be holding a Pound Day on June 24, taking inspiration from the orphanage's annual fundraiser, which was last held 120 years ago.

People were then encouraged to donate a pound in weight of different items and produce. For more information and to view the films, visit www.poundday.org.uk

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Entry deadline for Race for Life

By LISA WOODHOUSE

Charity bosses are urging women to grab their last chance to enter next Wednesday's Race for Life event in Blackburn.

So far, more than 1,600 women have registered to take part in this year's 5k event, at Witton Park.

But organisers are aiming to reach 2,500 entries.

Last year, around £69,308 was raised for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work, and this year's fundraising target is £90,000.

Maria Montgomery, Cancer Research UK's Race for Life event manager in Blackburn, said: "We still have places left for the Blackburn event.

"But we are reminding women who want to take part at this venue that they must enter as soon as possible, before registration closes on Friday."

And making a direct appeal to women, she added: "Please enter Race for Life in Blackburn.

INSPIRING: A flashback to last year

"The battle against cancer never stops, so we need you to sign up now and start raising money for ground-breaking research to help save more lives.

"Together, they will help us create a fantastic atmosphere on the day and raise crucial funds to help beat cancer."

The women-only series of 5k events raise millions of pounds for life-saving research into 200 types of cancer.

This year's race will be launched by Nichole Bain, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour in the summer of 2009, and took part in last year's race.

Maria added: "Women of all ages, abilities, shapes, and sizes take part in Race for Life.

"They motivate and inspire each other to complete the course.

"Many simply walk round, chatting and having fun, but they all share the wonderful atmosphere."

There will be no parking on site, but a park-and-ride service will operate from Ewood Park to Witton Park.

Closing date for entries is Friday, June 15.

To register for the event, visit www.raceforlife.org or call 0871 641 1111.

For young readers

A club for young bookworms is giving advice on the latest must-reads. Chatterbooks, for those aged between eight and 12, meets at Clayton-le-Moors Library once a month. Call the library on 01254 236463 for details.

Charity race night

A race night, in aid of Life Education Lancashire, hosted by the Rotary Club of Darwen is on Friday at Darwen Masonic Hall, Hawkshaw Avenue, Darwen. Tickets cost £7. Call 01254 704107.

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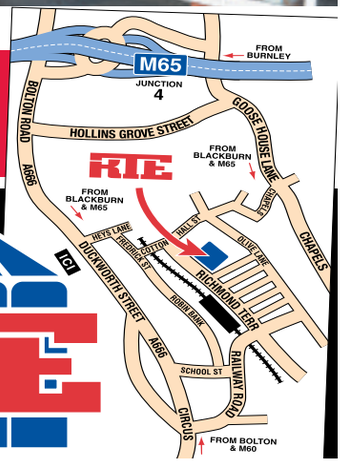

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Thirty people completed a 10-mile trek in memory of Karen Taylor, who died of cancer, aged 51, at the hospice in April. There was also a raffle and barbecue on the day. The amount raised is thought to be over £2,000.

Karen leaves husband Stephen and children Andrew, Gareth, and Emily, as well as a sister, brothers, nephews and nieces.

Call for action over fly-tippers

By DAN CLOUGH

More rubbish has been dumped in a back alley in an area of Darwen blighted by fly-tippers.

Unwanted chairs and a mattress were among the huge amount of junk in the alley behind Snape Street.

It is the latest in a long line of problems in the area. In April, Sudell councillor Roy Davies branded the alley behind Preston Street, which is next to Snape Street, as the 'dirtiest in the borough'.

Back in January, our sister newspaper the Lancashire Telegraph reported that Sudell councillor Paul Browne, who lives in Greenway Street, was calling on people, and the council, to name and shame the area's litterbugs.

Speaking about the latest mess in Snape Street, Coun Browne said: "It looks like they have chucked their entire house out into the back.

"The council must know who all that belongs to. It is right outside their back door.

"They need to go round and tell them to get it shifted. We need to be prosecuting these people as it is not fair on everyone else who gets tarred with the same brush."

'A DISGRACE': The mess in Snape Street and, inset, Coun Browne

Coun Browne said that particular area was becoming a real problem.

He said: "In that area, particularly Snape Street and Preston Street, it is a disgrace. And the main culprits live in the area.

"The council doesn't need to go far to find them as people won't travel miles to dump rubbish. They will put it outside their house."

Blackburn with Darwen Council executive member for environment, Coun Faryad Hussain, said: "We are investigating this incident and urge people to come forward if they have any information.

"In keeping with the Your Call campaign, we need more people take responsibility for the places where they live, and to show respect for their neighbours.

"Dumped waste like this shows a total disregard for others, as well as being unsightly, attracting vermin and a fire hazard."

To contact the council regarding fly-tipping, call 01254 585921.

Roads to close for repairs

Resurfacing work will see a number of Blackburn roads closed in a rolling programme this summer.

Orders have been put in place by Blackburn Council allowing the closure of roads to take place for up to 18 months, but it is anticipated the works will be completed by September.

Roads affected include Sunny Bank Road, from Pritchard Street to Onchan Road; Pilmuir Road at the junction of Manxman Road, and Tynwald Road at the junction of Onchan Road, between Tuesday, June 19, and Friday, June 22.

Between Monday, July 2, and Monday, July 23, Audley Range is to be resurfaced from the junction with North Road to Queens Park Road.

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New police post for top detective

By NAFEESA SHAN

Lancashire's top detective has left for London to police the country's forces.

Detective Chief Superintendent Neil Hunter has been seconded to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, where he will assess protective services, homicide, serious and organised crime, intelligence, terrorism, and covert policing, in forces across the country.

Mr Hunter could be parachuted to any area in the country to review their investigations.

His security clearance was granted sooner than expected and he was asked to start his new job last week.

Mr Hunter, 50, said he leaves with a 'heavy heart', but was relishing the challenge.

He has worked on high-profile cases, such as Sophie Lancaster's murder investigation, and his most challenging cases included the Alan Lee Street murder, in Padiham, where officers discovered a blood-stained house, the Paul Brady bodiless murder, and Adam Rogers, the one-punch manslaughter case in Blackburn.

FRESH CHALLENGE: Neil Hunter

Mr Hunter said: "I have worked 15 years in homicide and I'm definitely relishing a new challenge.

"The last four to five years have been very demanding, but massively rewarding finding and getting justice for families."

He joined Lancashire Police in 1980 and was based in Accrington. After five years, he moved to CID covering Accrington and Rossendale as a Detective Constable.

He then moved back to the role of uniformed officer, when he became a sergeant, before being promoted to Detective Sergeant in 1990, covering Great Harwood, Accrington and Blackburn.

After a decade he was promoted to Detective Inspector in Blackburn, and moved into the Force Major Investigation Team in 2005.

Driver safety course

Places are still available on a driver safety course.

Firefighters at Blackburn's new community fire station are holding a session on Monday, June 18, at 6.30pm, for 16 to 25-year-olds, and parents, as part of the Wasted Lives road safety campaign by our sister newspaper, the Lancashire Telegraph, and the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety.

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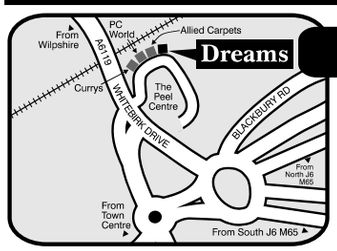

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Broken back teen in skydive

By LISA WOODHOUSE

A teenager who broke his back in a motocross accident has jumped out of a plane to thank those who saved his life.

Alex Clark, 18, of Dale View, in Billington, broke two bones in his spine in a motocross accident in 2009, which left him temporarily paralysed.

The Clitheroe Royal Grammar School pupil was left unable to walk for about a month, but was told by doctors that, with time and patience, he should make a full recovery.

Alex said: "I was at a farm in Langho when I was riding my motocross bike.

"I went over a little hump and, as I landed, the bike went one way and I went the other.

"It was the North West Air Ambulance who airlifted me because the land ambulance couldn't get to the field.

"I had to rehabilitate myself and learn to walk again.

"My balance had completely gone and I kept walking into doors."

Alex made a full recovery and started riding again four months after the accident.

He said: "As soon as I was able to, I got back on the bike.

"I thought that if I didn't get back on, I would have a fear forever.

"My dad was wary of letting me back on the bike again."

Alex signed up for the 10,000ft tandem skydive shortly before his 18th birthday.

He said: "It was coming up to my birthday and I didn't want anything material.

"I thought I would do something I would never get the chance to do again, so my mum and dad paid for me to do a skydive.

"Nearer to the time of the parachute jump, I decided to do it for charity.

"I managed to raise around £400 for the North West Air Ambulance because they saved my life.

"It's rubbish that the charity doesn't get any money from the government when they help so many people."

Speaking about the parachute jump, he said: "I thought it was brilliant.

"The accident hasn't held me back. If anything, it has made me want to try new things because life is too short and I want to enjoy it."

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MEDICS: Alex with his motocross bike and, top, doing the skydive

Pub's bid to expand

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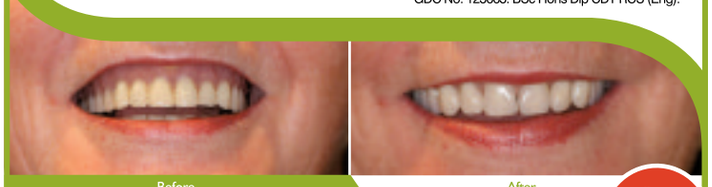

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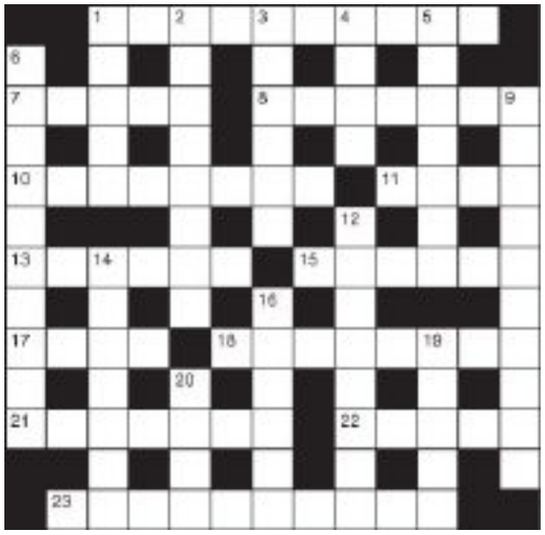
CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

1. Speech repeated ambiguously? (6-4)
7. The privilege of being correct? (5)
8. Longed for deanery to be rebuilt (7)
10. Links with teeth, presumably (5-3)
11. Makes excavations for somewhere to live (4)
13. It can, of course, be irritating to gardener (6)
15. Child's horse, we hear, in wind, turns out to be geese! (6)
17. Make a request after tip-top job (4)
18. Uneasy because the others don't get so much? (8)
21. As we all might be a defence against water (3-4)
22. Reams written to defame (5)
23. Resolved to put off when dug up (10)

DOWN

1. Closely follow mother in doctrine (5)
2. Lent a gun to sort out the problems (8)
3. Non-professional singer? (6)
4. Snare part put up (4)
5. Coming down to earth from the top of the stairs? (7)
6. Girl draws attention to musical embellishments (5,5)
9. Any spiders destroyed where medicines are made up (10)
12. Train sap to be unreasoning adherent (8)
14. Sole act drawn up in proportion (2,5)
16. Blamed for producing madhouse (6)
19. Set me up at the finish to make corrections (5)
20. Dull, having become submissive? (4)



QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1.Loyalty (10)
7. Fold (5)
8. Mollusc (7)
10. Old-fashioned (8)
11. Jetty (4)
13. Relinquish (6)
15. Slumbering (6)
17. Monster (4)
18. Diatribe (8)
21. Carnal (7)
22. Fragrance (5)
23. Lewdness (10)

DOWN

1. Lively (5)
2. Apathy (8)
3. Panted (6)
4. Distant (4)
5. Crash into (7)
6. Tumultuous (10)
9. On outskirts (10)
12. Increase rapidly (8)
14. Alien (7)
16. Celtic (6)
19. Magnificence (5)
20. Atmosphere (4)

Solutions

Cryptic answers: Across: 1 Double-talk; 7 Right; 8 Yearned; 10 Chain-saw; 11 Dig; 13 Nettle; 15 Gaggle; 17 Task; 18 Restless; 21 Sea-wall; 22 Smear; 23 Determined. **Down:** 1 Dogma; 2 Untangle; 3 Layman; 4 Trap; 5 Landing; 6 Grace notes; 9 Dispensary; 12 Partisan; 14 To scale; 16 Bedlam; 19 Emend; 20 Tame.

Quick answers: Across: 1 Allegiance; 7 Pleat; 8 Scallop; 10 Outdated; 11 Pier; 13 Resign; 15 Asleep; 17 Ogre; 18 Harangue; 21 Sensual; 22 Aroma; 23 Debauchery. **Down:** 1 Alert; 2 Lethargy; 3 Gasped; 4 Alar; 5 Collide; 6 Uproarious; 9 Peripheral; 12 Escalate; 14 Strange; 16 Gaelic; 19 Glory; 20 Aura.

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There are some suggestions that the idea of Father's Day may originate in pagan sun worship.

Some branches of paganism see the sun as the father of the universe.

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The idea of a special day to honour fathers, and celebrate fatherhood, was, however, introduced from the United States, where it has been celebrated since 1910.

Father's Day is celebrated all around the world, from South America to South Africa and Singapore, though not always in June.

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Loreen happier going it alone

Finishing 113 points ahead of her nearest rival, Sweden's Eurovision 2012 winner Loreen talks about the hard work and dedication needed to take part in the competition.

60 SECONDS WITH ... LOREEN

DID YOU THINK YOU MIGHT WIN EUROVISION BEFORE IT STARTED?

No, I didn't, but we all worked so hard. Even the days before we were working our butts off and other singers were relaxing by the pool. We were rehearsing so much. I did feel we deserved it. I don't think people realise how much work goes into a Eurovision entry. It's six months of your life.

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I was, but I always am. If I sang here now for one person, or for hundreds, or thousands, or millions, I'm just the same.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST HEAR THE SONG EUPHORIA?

I heard it last year. I already participated in Eurovision in Stockholm in 2011, but my song wasn't selected. I told myself I didn't want to do it again. I wanted to concentrate on my own album, but then I heard the song and changed my mind. The songwriters wrote a song based around my material, so it actually sounds like a song of mine. I just knew I had to sing it and create something special.

HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR ALBUM?

I finish it this summer, and it will be released in September, or October. I think people will be surprised, because Euphoria is very clubby, but there are acoustic ballads on my album, and other styles.

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Hot-Rhod comic chills out

By ANNA MANSELL

He's made his name on stage and screen as an angry man, ranting about the simple things in life which wind him – and us – up.

Yet life seems to be taking a calmer turn for Welsh comedian Rhod Gilbert, despite a busy work schedule which sees him combining TV work with his latest tour, The Man With The Flaming Battenberg Tattoo.

And that's where his heart still lies: "I'm a stand-up – that's how I got into the comedy world," he said. "In stand-up it's just you to answer to. It's live and over and done with."

This Friday's gig will be Rhod's third visit to Blackburn.

"Generally up north, they are lively and up for it. I like people getting involved, although heckling can ruin a gig, but I like a lively and up-for-it crowd who will answer questions."

The tour is a departure for Rhod, who describes it as a 'transitional show', as he takes on a more chilled-out approach to life. "There are more styles to the show and I'm coming away from the ranting and raving.

"People will see a new me, more playful and gentle."

■ **Rhod Gilbert, The Man With The Flaming Battenberg Tattoo, King George's Hall, Blackburn, Friday, June 15. Call 0844 8471664 to book.**

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